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Sounds to me like Microsoft is being rewarded for breaking all the rules. "Allowing" them to "donate" millions of dollars worth of computers to poor schools is ludicrous. 1) They will of course inflate the value to lessen their loss; 2) They will quickly gain 1000's of seats in a market where they actually have competition and don't own the market share; 3) Each one of these "donated" computers will require the schools to purchase additional software and hardware from Microsoft; 4) Each of these poor schools will have to find money to hire support staff to kep up with the constant maintenance and upgrades required.

I could of course go on and on. But I doubt that what I think will mean a thing to you or if this will even be read.

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